

Anna C. Rasmussen Anderson

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Jens Anderson was born July 19, 1812, in Vedum, Denmark. Anna C. Rasmussen Anderson was born October 22, 1812 in Trusest, Denmark.

In the suburbs of Vedum was an estate known as the Vedum Gourd. This Gourd was the center of a large Mormon movement. It had been handed down for ages from father to son. The present heir was Jens Anderson. It was a real romance that brought about the marriage of Jens and Anna. March 9, 1844 was a gala day, too, on the Vedum estate as incoming heir Andrew R. Anderson was born on that date.

In 1862 this family was on its way to Utah. The mother was taking her only sister, her husband, and her family. The son was taking his girl friend, her father, mother, brother, and four sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson assisted between sixty and seventy poor immigrants to Utah.

Tuesday, April 15, the ship "Franklin," left with 413 Saints. April 25, on the North Sea, Jens Anderson died and was tenderly buried in the waves.

May 29, the ship arrived at New York, after 48 deaths had occurred in forty-six days on the sea. The group left Florence, Nebraska, July 14, and reached Salt Lake City, September 3, 1862. Travelling in the Christian Madsen company, the trip took fifty days. Sixty-two deaths occurred in the company since the family left Denmark.

In the fall of 1862, the Andersons landed at Ephraim, Sanpete County. Here they lived for seven years, and in 1870 moved to Lehi, purchasing the Kanute Peterson property. She lived with her son and family until her death March 2, 1899, at the age of eighty-five years.